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Housing permits up in Cincinnati, U.S.

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Cincinnati-area permits for single-family homes jumped 19 percent in January, compared to the same 2009 period, the **Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati** reported Wednesday.

That beats national year-over-year figures released Wednesday by the U.S. Department of Commerce. Housing permits – single-family and multiple-unit – were up about 17 percent over January 2009, to 621,000. That's down from the revised December figure of 653,000, however. Single-family permits grew by 0.4 percent from December, to 507,000.

In Greater Cincinnati, 94 new home permits were issued in Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren counties during January, compared with 79 in January 2009. Warren County reported the highest number, at 37.

The average regional new home price also rose in January, to \$194,845 from \$179,504 a year ago, the association said in a news release.

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